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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Egan et al.

SERIAL NUMBER : 10/038,112

EXAMINER : Cybille Delacroix-Muirheid

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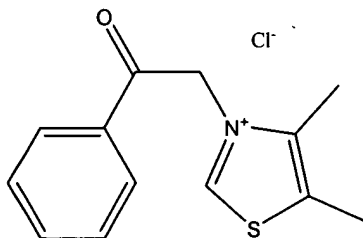
ART UNIT : 1614

FOR : METHODS FOR TREATING GLAUCOMA IC

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Species Election Requirement (Paper No. 9) mailed on March 2, 2004, Applicants elect the following species: the compound of Formula I wherein Q is S, Y is CH(R5)-R6, Z is group 1 and M is absent. The Examiner has also requested that Applicants elect a specific compound, Applicants hereby elect 3-(2-phenyl-2-oxoethyl)-4,5-dimethyl-thiazolium; chloride.



Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement and note that the election of species is made for the purpose of examination of the claims only and that applicants maintain the right to have the full scope of the claims, as written, examined on the merits.



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A response is due on or before April 2, 2004, without extension. Applicants believe no fee is due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311; Attorney Reference No. 26448-506 (Customer Number: 30623).

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The following papers are enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Response to Election of Species Requirement (2 pages); and
2. Return Postcard.

Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 26448-506). If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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